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The Soviets have put several stations into service in Hungary which interfere with the reception of foreign broadcasts. One is near Budapest between the villages of Vecses and Gyal, and the other is at Matyasfold. Soviet personnel man these stations. The 20-hour long Voice of America broadcasts cannot be heard on short wave because of Soviet interference and the 201-meter wave length is being jammed by the Petofi Radio. Broadcasts between 2145 and 2200 hours can be heard better and mighttime broadcasts are practically clear.

The BBC's broadcasts are not jammed. Paris can be heard without interference from 1915 to 2000 hours, both on the 41- and 31-meter bands. Interference is very strong with Radio Free Europe. In addition to technical difficulties, two other factors reduce the effectiveness of Western broadcasts in the Hungarian language. Listening to unauthorized broadcasts may bring a prison sentence of 1 to 15 years and people are too tired to listen at night.

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